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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

In the Matter of

**STEVEN L. ARMUS, M.D.**

Holder of License No. 36276  
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
In the State of Arizona.

**Case No. MD-11-0264A**

**ORDER FOR SURRENDER OF  
LICENSE AND CONSENT TO THE  
SAME**

Steven L. Armus, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Letter of Reprimand and Practice Restriction; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 36276 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. The Board initiated case number MD-11-0264A after Respondent self-reported to the Board that he was charged in Wisconsin with possession of cocaine with intent to deliver.

4. On March 29, 2009, Respondent was charged with a felony in the state of Wisconsin for possession with intent to deliver cocaine. The Wisconsin Board opened an investigation regarding Respondent's arrest. As a result of their investigation, Respondent subsequently underwent treatment for chemical dependency. The Wisconsin Board issued a Final Decision and Order that requires Respondent to participate in and maintain compliance with the state's monitoring program. In addition, Respondent surrendered his DEA registration.

1           5.     The Board was later notified that on February 15, 2011, Dr. Armus was  
2 indicted by the United States District Court in Wisconsin, charging him with multiple counts  
3 of acquiring and distributing a controlled substance.

4           6.     On September 1, 2011, Dr. Armus was charged with eight counts of a 19-  
5 count superseding indictment. He pled guilty to felony counts 1 and 7 involving  
6 knowingly and intentionally conspiring with others to distribute controlled substances  
7 and knowing and intentional possession with the intent to distribute a mixture and  
8 substance containing cocaine, a schedule II controlled substance.

9           7.     Respondent admits to the acts described above and that they constitute  
10 unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1401(27)(d)("[c]ommitting a felony,  
11 whether or not involving moral turpitude, or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. In  
12 either case, conviction by any court of competent jurisdiction or a plea of no contest is  
13 conclusive evidence of the commission.").

14                               **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

15           1.     The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over  
16 Respondent.

17           2.     The Board possesses statutory authority to enter into a consent agreement  
18 with a physician and accept the surrender of an active license from a physician who  
19 admits to having committed an act of unprofessional conduct. A.R.S. § 32-1451(T)(2).

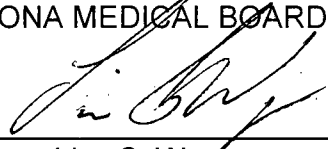
20                               **ORDER**

21 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent immediately surrender License Number  
22 36276, issued to Steven L. Armus, M.D. for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State  
23 of Arizona, and return his wallet card and certificate of licensure to the Board.

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25           DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 2nd day of August, 2012.

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2 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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4 By

  
Lisa S. Wynn  
Executive Director

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7 **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

8 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement for Letter of  
9 Reprimand, Practice Restriction and Consent to Same and the stipulated Findings of  
10 Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent acknowledges he has the  
11 right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

12 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely  
13 and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.

14 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights  
15 to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court to challenge this Order in its entirety  
16 as issued, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said  
17 Order.

18 4. The Order is not effective until approved and signed by the Executive  
19 Director.

20 5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this  
21 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving  
22 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended  
23 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government  
24 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or  
25 any other state or federal court.

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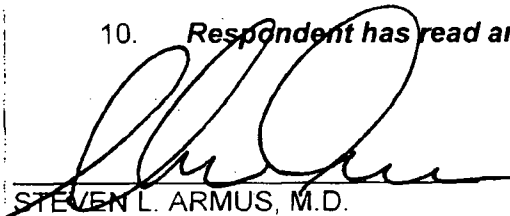
3 6. Upon signing this Order, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to  
4 the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of  
5 the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any  
6 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved  
7 by the parties.

8 7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal  
9 action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank and on  
10 the Board's web site.

11 8. If any part of the Order is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable,  
12 the remainder of the Order in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

13 9. Any violation of this Order constitutes unprofessional conduct and may  
14 result in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § § 32-1401(27)(r) ("[v]iolating a formal order,  
15 probation, consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its  
16 executive director under this chapter") and 32-1451.

17 10. ***Respondent has read and understands the conditions of the restriction.***

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20 STEVEN L. ARMUS, M.D.

DATED: 6/1/12

21  
22 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed  
23 this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 2012 to:

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